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Dear Mr. Michel:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of August 14, 2012 (38583) pertaining to poppy seed production in Mexico. We received it in our office on September 4, 2012.

The "Subject File, 1916-1970" of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs in records of the Drug Enforcement Administration (Record Group 170) includes a file entitled "Mexico Opium, 1940." There are also eight folders labeled "Mexico" dated 1927-1949 and two files labeled "Poppy Heads" dated 1920-1952.

Although the "Central Decimal File, 1940-1944" and "1945-1949" in records of the State Department (Record Group 59) does not include a specific file class for poppy seeds, it does include file classes relating to drug manufacturing in Mexico (file 812.657) and "Supervision of Food and Drugs" (812.125).

The Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), as amended, does not obligate a Federal Agency to perform general subject research of the type you requested. Although your request is specific in nature, it requires extensive searching and identification of documents. We can provide information about the records, make them available for use in our research rooms, and provide specific documents for a fee. We are not staffed to provide general research service.

Insofar as statistical information is concerned, if it is there at all, it is dispersed among the records or among various statistical publications of the government. Finding it or compiling it will also require detailed research. Perhaps the Reference Referral Service at the Library of Congress can be of assistance. Address your inquiry to them at the Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20540-4720. The telephone number is (202) 707-5522. Requests can also be submitted online through "Ask a Librarian" at www.loc.gov/rr/askalib.

For general information about our holdings, see the *Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States* available online on our website at www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records.

We will be happy to make the records and their finding aids available to you or your representative in the Textual Research Room (Room 2000) here at the National Archives at College Park, Maryland.

If you are interested in hiring a researcher who works for a fee, see the list provided as a courtesy at www.archives.gov/research/hire-help on our website.

Our inability to do substantive research for you does not constitute a denial for the purposes of the FOIA. If you consider this an adverse response, you may appeal by writing within 35 days of receipt of this letter to the Deputy Archivist of the United States (ND), National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001 and explain why you think our search does not meet the requirements of the FOIA. The appeal and envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act," and you should refer to our case number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tab Lewis".

TAB LEWIS

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